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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING FAILURE IN A SYSTEM** Attorney Docket No.: 010652-0005-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-captioned application.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, line 7, after the reference to the prior application and before the Field Of The Invention, please insert the following paragraph:

This invention was made with Government support under DAAH01-01-C-R127 awarded by the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command. The Government has certain rights in this invention.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant estimates that no fee is due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. Should the Patent Office determine otherwise, The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with filing this Preliminary Amendment to